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Tuolumne County is bordered on the north by Calaveras and Alpine counties, on the east by Mono County, on the south by Mariposa County, and on the west by Stanislaus County.

With a projected population of 77,400 by 2020, Tuolumne County is expected to gain 22,700 new residents. This will mean an increase of more than 40 percent over the twenty-year period. On a percentage basis, Tuolumne County is one of the fastest growing counties in California.

The 1999 annual average statistics show the civilian labor force for Tuolumne County to be 19,900, with an unemployment rate of 6.6 percent. This is slightly higher than the state's unemployment rate of 5.2 percent.

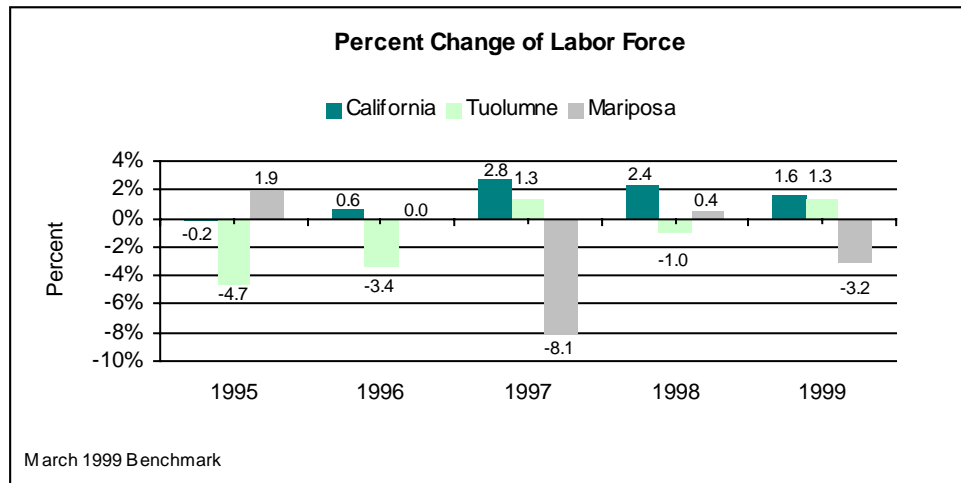
Government is the largest industry in the county, accounting for 28.8 percent of total employment. Services (25.7 percent) and retail trade (23 percent) are also significant industry sectors providing employment.

Services is the fastest growing industry, with a seven year projected growth rate of about 8 percent. Within services, the health services sector is expected to create a demand for 100 new jobs. Retail trade is another growing industry, with a projected growth rate of almost 5 percent.

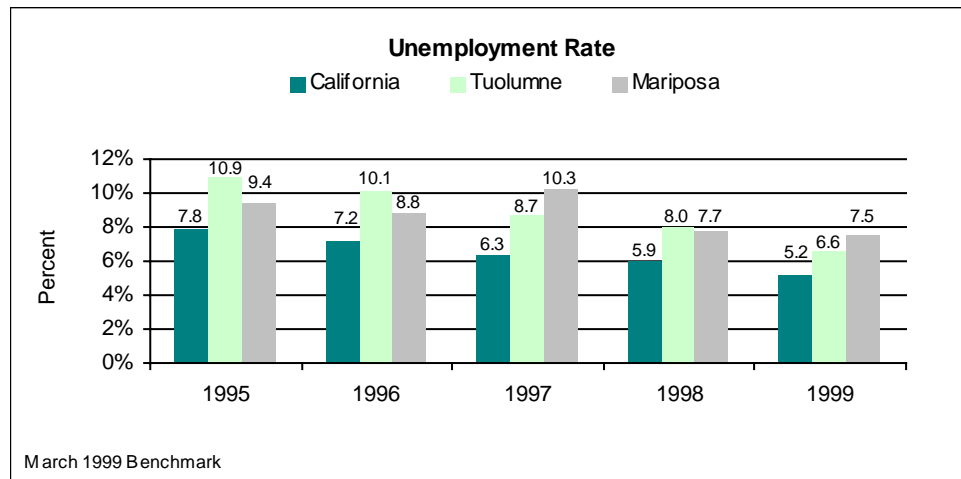
Despite fluctuations in the civilian labor force, recent economic conditions in Tuolumne County have supported job growth in the nonfarm wage and salary employment and steadily declining unemployment rates. This trend is expected to continue as moderate growth is projected in all the major industry sectors during the forecast period, 1997-2004

LABOR FORCE

From 1995 to 1999, Tuolumne County's civilian labor force recorded growth two of the five years. While the number of people in jobs continues to expand in Tuolumne County, the number of people entering the labor force is growing somewhat faster than new jobs are being created. During this period, neighboring Mariposa County also experienced fluctuating employment conditions due in part to its tourist dependent economy.

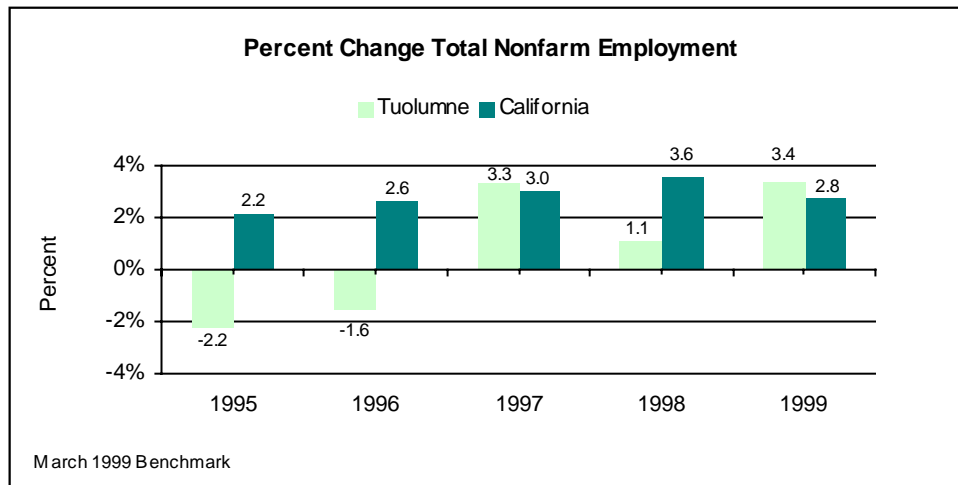


While steadily declining since 1995, unemployment rates for Tuolumne and Mariposa counties have consistently been higher than the unemployment rate for the state. For Tuolumne County, the annual average unemployment rate dropped 4.3 percentage points from a high of 10.9 percent in 1995 to 6.6 percent in 1999.

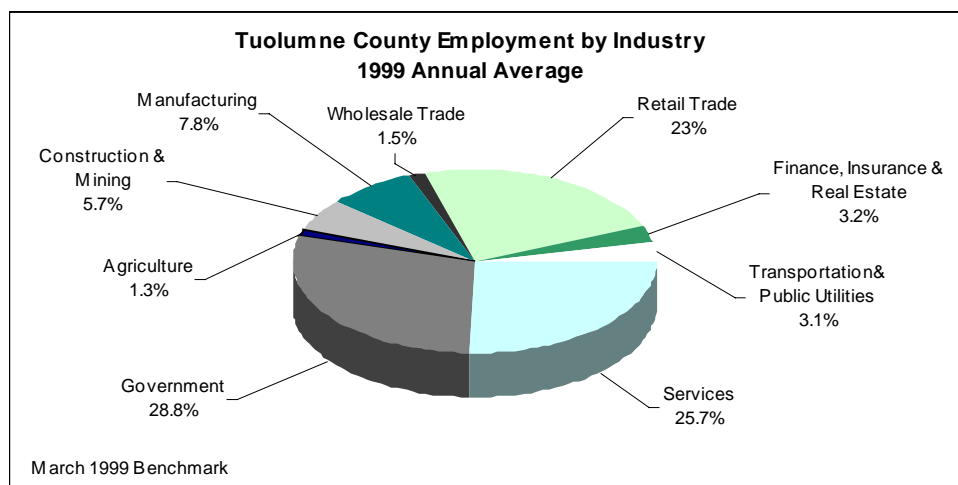


INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT

Tuolumne County nonagricultural wage and salary employment recorded 3.3 percent growth in 1997 and the county's payroll employment over the 1995 – 1999 period increased by 900 jobs. Total nonfarm employment has shown steady growth for the state, with the greatest increase of 3.6 percent in 1998.



In 1999, government (28.8 percent), services (25.7 percent), and retail trade (23 percent), dominated Tuolumne County employment. It is expected that future job growth in the county will be predominately in the services, retail trade and government industry sectors.



OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Demographic trends, shifts in demands for products or services, technological innovations and the way business is conducted are some of the variables that drive employment in an occupation up or down. Also, occupations which have large employment and have high turnover rates generally provide the most job openings. Projections for Tuolumne County are combined with Amador, Calaveras and Mariposa counties and published as the Mother Lode Consortium projections.

Associated Occupations	SERVICES 1997 – 2004 Projected Growth 8.2%
	Instructors And Coaches, Sports And Physical Training – 150 job openings. Instruct or coach groups or individuals in the fundamentals of sports. Demonstrate techniques and methods of participation. Moderate-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$10.78
	Maids And Housekeeping Cleaners – 140 job openings. Perform any combination of tasks to maintain rooms in commercial establishments, such as hotels, restaurants and hospitals, in a clean and orderly fashion. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$6.00
	Registered Nurses – 120 job openings. Provide direct bedside care and assist physicians with examinations, chart the conditions of patients, give medication, and administer treatment as ordered by the doctor. May supervise auxiliary nursing personnel. Associate Degree. Median Hourly Wage - \$19.52
	Amusement, Recreation Attendants – 110 job openings. Perform any of a variety of attending duties at amusement or recreation facility. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$7.43
	Waiters And Waitresses – 90 job openings. Serve food and drink to customers. Duties may include explanation about how the meal is prepared, wine recommendations or simple food preparation at the table. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$5.60
Associated Occupations	RETAIL TRADE 1997 – 2004 Projected Growth 4.7%
	Cashiers – 290 job openings. Handle cash and credit payments, make change, give receipts, account for all payments, and perform related clerical duties. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$6.93
	Salespersons, Retail – 230 job openings. Get the customer interested by describing the merchandise and showing how it is used. May also order merchandise, stock shelves, mark price tags, take inventory and prepare displays. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$6.92
	First-Line Supervisor / Manager Sales – 60 job openings. Directly supervise and coordinate activities of marketing, sales, and related workers. May perform management functions, such as budgeting, accounting, marketing, and personnel work. Work Experience. Median Hourly Wage - \$10.81
	Food Preparation Workers – 60 job openings. Perform a variety of food preparation duties, such as preparing cold foods and maintaining and cleaning kitchen work areas, equipment, and utensils. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$5.92
	Combined Food Preparation And Service Workers – 60 job openings. Do both food preparation and food service. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$5.80
Associated Occupations	GOVERNMENT 1997 – 2004 Projected Growth 2.1%
	Correction Officers, Jailers – 200 job openings. Guard inmates in penal or rehabilitative institutions in accordance with established regulations and procedures. May guard prisoners in transit. Long-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$20.99
	Police Patrol Officers – 50 job openings. Maintain order, enforce laws and ordinances, protect life and property in an assigned patrol district or beat. Patrol on foot or in a vehicle; investigate accidents; apprehend, arrest and process prisoners; and give evidence in court. Long-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$25.11
	Recreation Workers – 20 job openings. Conduct recreation activities with groups in public, private, or volunteer agencies or recreation facilities. Bachelor's Degree. Median Hourly Wage - \$7.90
	General Office Clerks – 20 job openings. Performs a wide variety of tasks. Clerical duties may be assigned in accordance with the office procedures of the individual establishments and may include a combination of bookkeeping, typing, stenography, office machine operation, and filing. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$9.03
	Postal Mail Carriers – 20 job openings. Sort mail for delivery. Deliver mail on established route by vehicle or on foot. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$15.57

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